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Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen credit the Town for the year ending March 1, 1881, *as follows:—*

By tax list of 1880, and interest collected on same,	$11,433.01
Savings bank tax, 1880,	1,162.99
Railroad tax, 1880,	291.37
Literary fund, "	91.39
Cash in treasury, March 1, 1880,	1,299.43
Amount received from county of Grafton, for support of paupers,	408.42
Cash received for concrete,	4.00
" " of Collector of 1878,	242.56
" " " " 1879, and interest collected on same,	939.13
Cash received of M. W. White, for pipe,	2.93
" " " S. D. Farrar, received on town hall, in excess of expenses,	21.25
Cash received of W. L. P. Boardman,	2.20
	$15,898.68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State tax,	$1.292.00	
County tax,	2,175.08	
		$3,467.08

School Money.

District No. 1,	Paid Mrs. S. P. Kirk,	$39.74	
2,	M. S. Judkins,	994.45	
3,	M. A. Emmons,	38.62	
4,	J. M. R. Emmons,	24.03	
5,	S. W. Swett,	36.63	
6,	S. K. Worthen,	46.97	
7,	H. C. Homans,	13.37	
8,	F. M. Beckford,	72.87	
8,	" " 1879,	14.54	
9,	C. H. Mudgett,	46.75	
			$1,327.97

School House Tax.

District No. 2, to apply on debt,	$500.00	
2, extra school money,	200.00	
2, for repairs,	100.00	
3, "	40.00	
		$840.00

Precinct Tax.

Paid R. S. Hastings,	$850.00

County Paupers.

D. C. Willey.

May 29,	Paid David S. Follansbee, board 13 weeks,	$39.00
Aug. 25,	David S. Follansbee, board 13 weeks,	39.00
Nov. 3,	Wm. George, goods,	1.24
" 8,	Fowler & Co., medicine,	9.70
" 8,	H. B. Fowler, medical attendance,	12.75

Nov. 27,	David S. Follansbee, board,	$52.00	
" 27,	" " clothing,	1.00	
Feb. 24,	" " board,	52.00	
" 24,	Fowler & Co., medicine,	5.15	
			$211.84

BETSEY LADD.

Aug. 6,	Paid Green L. Tilton, 20 wks. board,	$20.00	
Jan. 29,	" " 23½ "	23.50	
Feb. 24,	Chas. Boardman, goods,	1.60	
			$45.10

CLARISSA BROWN.

Aug. 28,	Paid Mrs. Abigail Darling, board,	$19.98	
Nov. 8,	H. B. Fowler, medical attendance,	2.00	
Jan. 11,	Mrs. M. O. Edgerly, board,	47.52	
" 24,	Mrs. Joel Adams, "	26.00	
Feb. 25,	" " "	17.65	
" 25,	Fowler & Calley, medical att.,	2.00	
			$115.15

IDA B. PRESCOTT.

Feb. 22,	Paid O. K. Bucklin, carrying to Plymouth,		2.50

BENJAMIN FELLOWS.

Nov. 3,	Paid Orin Nelson, board 5 weeks,	$5.00	
	" " sheeting,	1.00	
			$6.00

Total for County paupers,	$380.59

Town Paupers.

MRS. ADDIE DUNHAM'S CHILD.

Mar. 27,	Paid Josiah Healey, board,	$10.00	
Aug. 7,	" " "	42.50	
Dec. 25,	" " "	55.00	
Feb. 12,	" " "	16.61	
			$124.11

ETTA P. FOLSOM.

Jan. 15,	Paid Moody S. Cheney, board,	$18.00	
Feb. 24,	" " "	1.50	
" 24,	Fowler & Calley, medical att.,	4.00	
" 24,	Fowler & Co., medicine,	.75	
			$24.25

GEO. H. DOW.

Feb. 22,	Paid Geo. A. Robie, coffin, etc.,	$13.50	
" 22,	Fowler & Co., medical att.,	27.00	
			$40.50

Total for Town paupers, $188.86

Cost of supporting paupers for year 1880, in excess of amount received and due, $171.95.

Highways and Bridges.

M. B. PATTEN'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$70.81	
March 23, W. H. Danforth,	2.35	
Dec. 4, E. O. Marden,	1.20	
" 25, Town of Hill on bridge,	15.32	
Feb. 22, E. Sanborn, breaking roads,	3.00	
" 24, I. K. George, "	12.13	
" 25, M. B. Patten, "	6.03	
		$110.84

F. KIDDER'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended per agent's receipts,	$28.11	
March 29, F. Kidder,	3.84	
Feb. 23, " and help employed,	17.68	
		$49.63

LEVI J. NELSON'S DISTRICT.

Amount expended per agent's receipts,	$37.88	
Jan. 11, M. A. Emmons,	1.00	
Feb. 23, Levi J. Nelson and help employed,	24.24	
		$63.12

S. K. Worthen's District.

Amount expended per agent's receipts,	$24.89	
Feb. 23, S. K. Worthen and help employed,	13.88	
		$38.77

Wm. J. Mussey's District.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$17.56	
Feb. 23, Wm. J. Mussey and help employed,	15.90	
" 24, Otis Sanborn, breaking roads,	9.07	
		$42.53

H. N. Emmons' District.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$57.59	
Feb. 9, J. M. R. Emmons, breaking roads,	2.75	
" 23, H. N. Emmons and help, "	9.37	
		$69.71

J. W. Burley's District.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$35.80	
March 6, A. S. Dow,	2.04	
Feb. 22, J. W. Burley, breaking roads,	11.96	
" " A. S. Dow, "	4.32	
" " Chas. G. Dow, "	3.06	
		$56.46

A. J. Ferrin's District.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$12.97	
Feb. 25, A. J. Ferrin, breaking roads,	9.42	
		$22.39

H. C. Homan's District.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$23.14	
Feb. 24, H. C. Homan and help employed, breaking roads,	25.67	
		$48.81

S. S. Brown's District.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$57.20	
Nov. 27, S. S. Brown,	5.68	
Feb. 23, " and help employed breaking roads,	38.77	
		$101.65

C. H. Mudgett's District.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$25.09	
Feb. 23, C. H. Mudgett, breaking roads,	10.05	
		$35.14

Willis K. Dickerson's District.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$74.58	
Nov. 3, D. M. Chase,	2.75	
" " Jacob Cass,	7.50	
" " C. W. Dickerson,	3.00	
" " Solomon French,	5.34	
" 27, " "	1.42	
" " Franklin Fogg,	10.44	
" " Willis K. Dickerson,	40.13	
" " David Cheney,	2.42	
Dec. 25, Pattee Brothers,	13.50	
" " E. Tilton, on bridge,	29.00	
Jan. 29, Aaron Sleeper, stone and labor,	6.00	
Feb. 22, Willis K. Dickerson, breaking roads,	13.12	
" 24, B. L. Wells, on bridge,	1.00	
" 28, L. Plumer,	.65	
		$210.85

R. S. Hastings' District.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$156.78	
Dec. 4, D. G. Hight,	9.38	
" 25, R. S. Hastings,	44.18	
Feb. 23, G. L. Tilton, breaking roads,	4.25	
" 28, Moses Bucklin,	.50	
		$215.09

C. A. Gale's District.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$20.96	
Feb. 22, C. A. Gale, breaking roads,	9.68	
		$30.64

Wm. T. Oakley's District.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts.		$248.91
Sept. 25, Wm. J. Randolph,		2.50
March 27, C. H. Woodward,		2.78
" " Wm. T. Oakley,		31.87
" " Geo. W. Sumner,		13.57
" " F. W. Robinson,		4.10
Dec. 25, Pattee Brothers,		5.00
Feb. 21, Wm. Randolph,		1.50
" 22, Wm. T. Oakley, breaking roads,		4.57
" " E. F. Kendall,		1.25
" " Geo. W. Sumner, breaking roads,		3.50
" " John W. Sanborn, " 1879,		12.59
" 23, M. F. Wilbur, "		13.50
" " G. L. Tilton, "		1.50
" 24, D. H. Rice, " 1879,		3.41
		$350.55

M. F. Wilbur's District.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts.		$515.47
Nov. 3, E. M. Eastman,		8.75
" 8, " on bridge,		2.00
Dec. 4, Chas. P. George, on sidewalk,		5.15
" 25, M. F. Wilbur,		10.65
" " Pattee Brothers,		12.00
" " B. Q. Fellows,		6.62
Feb. 23, M. F. Wilbur, breaking roads,		12.50
		$573.14

Green L. Tilton's District.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$491.78
Nov. 27, Kiah Wells,	10.50
" " Jacob Cass,	13.10
" " S. H. Cross,	32.11
" " Franklin Fogg,	23.00
" " B. Q. Fellows,	25.00
Feb. 14, Chas. Kidder,	1.30
" 22, W. R. Fellows, cutting out road,	2.87

Feb. 23, Geo. H. Tilton, cutting out roads,	$4.00	
" " Green L Tilton,	41.35	
" 24, Asa Drew,	1.50	
		$646.51

LEVI LOCKE'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$65.98	
March 1, C. M. Musgrove, 1878 and 1879,	6.50	
Nov. 27, Levi Locke,	21.39	
Dec. 25, M. F. Wilbur,	$6.00	
Jan. 11, M. A. Emmons,	2.50	
Feb. 24, Levi Locke, breaking roads,	5.22	
		$107 59

JOHN ROBY'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$46.76	
Feb. 25, John Roby, breaking roads,	3.25	
" " A. J. Ferrin, "	30.44	
" " R. Gilpatric, "	3.06	
		$83.51

CHAS. H. PUTNEY'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$107.07	
March 12, H. D. Cheney, 1879,	$1.00	
Nov. 27, Chas. H. Putney and help employed,	37.81	
" " D. H. Sleeper,	2.40	
Jan. 29, S. S. Fellows,	3.25	
Feb. 21, John L. Cheney, breaking roads,	4.12	
" 23, Chas. H. Putney and help employed, breaking roads,	58.12	
		$213.77

THOS. H. WICOM'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	$7.06	
Feb. 24, Thos. H. Wicom, breaking roads,	6.75	
		$13.81

Highway agent's receipts, allowed Collector of 1879, $6.53

Miscellaneous Highways and Bridges.

March 31, E. M. Eastman, care of bridge 1 month,	$3.75	
May 29, James T. Sanborn, cedar posts,	16.00	

June 30, S. S. Patten, lumber,	$94.19	
Aug. 28, L. B. Morris, gravel,	3.00	
Nov. 3, E. A. Colby, guide-board,	1.75	
" 27, O. K. Bucklin, blacksmith bill and iron,	18.66	
" " " " watering tub, 2 years,	3.00	
" " E. T. Hutchins, lumber,	64.79	
" " Geo. A. Robie, iron, etc.,	28.00	
" " A. K. Peaslee, watering tub,	3.00	
" " Oren Nelson, " "	3.00	
Dec. 25, R. B. Locke, blacksmith bill,	4.57	
" Sam. H. Tilton, watering tub,	1.50	
Jan. 3, Jos. D. Kelley, blacksmith bill and iron,	16.30	
" 11, T. T. Drake, lumber,	65.45	
" 29, Cyrus Taylor, spike, cement, etc.,	27.96	
Feb. 24, E. M. Eastman, care of bridge 11 mos.,	45.83	
" " E. K. Pray, lumber,	1.90	
" " E. Sanborn, lumber,	3.00	
" " Wm. C. Kelley, watering tub,	3.00	
" 25, Orren J. Mussey, " " 2 years,	4.00	
" " Robt. Gilpatric, " "	1.50	
" " L. W. Hammond, spikes, etc.,	4.89	
" " L. A. Ballou, " "	3.10	
		$422.14

Total cost of supporting highways and bridges,	$3,513.28
Amount of highway tax assessed,	2,694.95
	$818.33

Miscellaneous Bills.

March 2, A. C. Prescott, drawback on tax,	$1.50
" " Auditors,	4.00
" 27, Fowler, Hazelton & Calley, recording births and deaths,	6.75
" " R. W. Musgrove, printing as per bill,	45.00
" " F. W. Bingham, sealing town standard weights and measures,	4.97
May 29, R. W. Musgrove, tax bills, etc.,	5.75
June 26, Ira S. Chase, recording births and deaths,	1.50

July 10,	Witness fees and expenses in Cawley case,	$17.03
" 31,	John R. Conner, freight on weights,	1.80
Aug. 28,	H. A. Randolph, services as Supervisor,	5.00
" "	R. S. Hastings, " "	5.00
Sept. 24,	John R. Conner, freight on pipe,	6.91
Oct. 16,	Nathan Chapman, damage to horse,	3.00
Nov. 8,	Chas. G. Emmons, services as Moderator,	5.00
" 12,	John R. Conner, freight on pipe,	4.32
" 15,	Laura Mitchell, sheep killed by dogs,	7.00
" 27,	Ira A. Gale, damage to wagon,	2.00
" "	James S. Knowlton, damage to team,	15.50
" "	Harvey Locke, drawback on tax,	1.33
" "	H. A. Randloph, services as Supervisor,	5.00
" "	John W. Wells, police,	15.00
" "	Gust Walker, sewer pipe,	108.63
Dec. 1,	Anna and Mary Bartlett, for land,	150.00
" "	Interest on same,	3.75
" 13,	Maria J. Cawley, road damage,	250.00
" 25,	Fairbanks & Co., weights,	37.00
Jan. 5,	Morril & Silsby, stationery,	5.90
" 11,	S. W. Swett, sheep killed by dogs,	6.00
" 20,	John H. Brown, money paid out and horse hire,	48.00
Feb. 4,	Fredrick Bartlett, services as Supervisor,	15.00
" 22,	R. W. Musgrove, printing agents' receipts,	2.75
" "	E. F. Kendall, care of town clock,	15.00
" "	O. K. Bucklin, horse hire,	3.25
" 24,	H. A. Randolph, services as Supervisor,	5.00
" "	B. L. Wells, steps for town office,	2.00
" "	James M. Bishop, recording births and deaths,	1.75
" 25,	Lewis W. Fling, general retainer 1879, '80, services in Cawley case, and attorney fees in full to date,	50.62
Feb. 25,	R. S. Hastings, services as Supervisor,	8.00
" "	M. W. White, stove for town office,	4.50
" 28,	R. A. Horner, money paid out as per bill of items,	6.99
		$888.00

Street Lamps.

Nov. 27, W. W. Wilbur, lamps and repairs,	$3.63
Feb. 24, " " lighting and care of street lamps one year,	120 00
	$123.63

Town Officers' Bills.

R. W. Musgrove, town clerk,	$40.00
Geo. H. Calley, S. S. Committee,	35.00
K. E. Dearborn, services as Collector 1879,	29.00
Milo Fellows, " " 1880,	124.00
L. W. Hammond, " Treasurer, 1880,	25.00
John H. Brown, " Selectman,	155.00
Robt. A. Horner, " "	126.00
R. S. Danforth, " "	88.00
	$622.00

Abatement of Taxes.

Abated on tax list of 1878:

Horace B. Sanborn,	$3.03
Stephen L. Gordon,	.25
Leonard Weeks,	3.64
Israel Tukey,	2.21
E. P. Sawyer, part of tax,	16.95
Priscilla Saunders,	2.71
Geo. T. Crawford,	3.71
Calvin Golden, part of tax,	2.25
	$34.75

Tax list of 1879:

M. O. Farrar,	$14.66
John Taylor,	3.10
James M. Danforth, part of tax,	1.27
Daniel Rogers, " "	1.27
S. S. Sanborn, " "	2.95
Mrs. D. H. Rice, " "	5.00
Otis Sanborn, " "	8.56
Moses Bucklin,	1.50
Leonard Weeks,	2.94
E. A. Colby,	2.10

O. K. Bucklin, dog tax,	$1.00
Geo. H. Spiller, "	2.00
Wm. C. Lovejoy, "	1.00
Geo. W. Miller, "	1.00
	$48.35

Tax list of 1880:

S. S. Briggs' heirs,	$6.66
Bucklin & Flanders, on lumber,	1.69
Eben Darling heirs,	8.88
Arial Dickinson, part of tax,	5.16
C. H. Draper, precinct tax,	.80
Geo. A. Emerson, precinct tax,	.80
Rufus Hammond, part of tax,	1.72
E. R. Hunkins, part of tax,	.22
E. E. Shaw, overtax,	2.22
Sherburn Wells heirs,	6.66
James M. Danforth, part of tax,	.93
D. J. Hunt, " "	1.58
W. S. Marsh, poll tax,	1.79
Frank Buzzell, "	1.79
Daniel Rogers,	3.07
F. W. Quimby, highway tax,	2.54
Frank W. Dimond, "	.92
Isiah H. Fowler, jr., "	.50
Mrs. Phebe Sanborn,	4.41
	$52.34

Sprague Case.

Witness fees and expenses as per bill of items,	$699.05
I. A. Chase, services taking notes,	30.00
O. Fellows, " " "	10.00
O. K. Bucklin, dinner for jury,	10.00
A. J. Ferrin, witness fee,	5.07
A. P. Carpenter, in full to date,	200.00
L. W. Fling, " "	249.38
	$1,203.50

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received,		$15,898.68
State tax,	$1,292.	
County tax,	2,175.08	
School money,	1,327.97	
School house taxes,	840.00	
Precinct tax,	850.00	
County paupers,	380.59	
Town "	188.86	
Highways and bridges,	3,091.04	
Miscellaneous highways and bridges,	422.14	
" bills,	888.00	
Street lamps,	123.63	
Town officers' bills,	622.00	
Abatement on tax list of 1878,	34.75	
" " 1879,	48.35	
" " 1880,	52.34	
Sprague Case,	1.203.50	
In hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1881,	1,837.18	
Interest on Bonds,	500.00	
In hands of S. D. Farrar,	21.25	
		$15,898.68

Due on Bonds March 1, 1881.

Seth Cass,	$1000.00	
Belinda B. Cass,	800.00	
David Mason,	700.00	
Amanda Stearns,	500.00	
Franklin Fogg,	1,100.00	
S. K. Mason,	300.00	
Richard S. Danforth,	500.00	
N. W. Cass,	500.00	
A. J. Smith,	1000.00	
Mrs. Varnum Pratt,	1000.00	
Abbie S. White,	1000.00	
C. N. Merrill,	200.00	
E. Follansbee,	400.00	
Mary C. Mudgett,	400.00	
Sarah Cheney,	200.00	
Wm. G. Kelley,	200.00	
Daniel Kelley,	200.00	
Interest on bonds to March 1, 1881,	458.33	
		$10,458.33

Amount the Town Owes.

Bonds and interest to March 1, 1881,		$10,458.33

Due the Town.

In hands of Treasurer,	$1,837.18	
" S. D. Farrar,	21.25	
Due from Wm. H. Folsom,	24.25	
" Grafton County,	146.40	
		$2,029.08
Actual debt,		$8,429.25
Increase of debt,		601.66

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. BROWN,
ROBT. A. HORNER,
R. S. DANFORTH, } *Selectmen of Bristol.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Bristol, N. H., March 2, 1881.

We hereby certify that we have examined the report of the Selectmen of the town of Bristol and find their accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. M. CAVIS,
B. F. PERKINS, } *Auditors.*

Treasurer's Report.

Total receipts for the year ending Mar. 1,'81,		$13,609.79
Paid out on Selectmen's orders,	$7,805.53	
State tax for 1880,	1,292.00	
County tax for 1880,	2,175.08	
Interest on town bonds,	500.00	
Total,		$11,772.61
Amount remaining in Treasury March 1, 1881,		$1,837.18

L. W. HAMMOND, *Treasurer.*

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BRISTOL,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

To the Selectmen of Bristol:

GENTLEMEN:—The committee appointed by you as Superintendent of Public Instruction for the present year begs leave to make the following report:

The uniform good order seen in every school in town, the manifest desire disclosed by the pupils to do their very best, the faithful conscientious labors of their instructors, the advancement made in various studies pursued and the interest parents have taken and their evident desire to assist, show that the Prudential Committees elected by the various districts have been unusually successful in procuring teachers eminently fitted for their positions, and that both parents and pupils have not been negligent in their duties.

There are districts where the parents are continually quarreling with each other—divided it may be on personal affairs, which they carry into school matters, each striving to undo or destroy that which the other may desire to see performed even

with the most laudable intentions; each party obstinate and unreasonable to the last degree; one bent on ruling, the other ruining the school; the one talking at home with or in the presence of their children about the unfairness and incompetency of teachers and the depravity and shortcomings of their neighbors in general, the other standing forth in sullen silence or with a sarcastic smile muttering "help yourself if you can." In a district thus afflicted it is scarcely possible to have a good school. Such bickerings are not confined to one neighborhood and no school can be very profitable under such conditions.

Do not be to hasty in condemning or censuring a teacher after hearing a rose-colored version of his misdeeds and non-qualifications from a pupil who, perhaps, has been corrected for bad conduct during the day. Above all do not take your children from school because the teacher requires them to apologize or be punished for misconduct. Do not set as judge and jury on a teacher's rights and non-rights to compel your child to do this or that because he accidentally scraped his heavy boots over the school-room floor. You perhaps little suspect he had done the same thing twenty times before that very day and meant to do it again.

Look after the sanitary condition of your school-rooms. See that they are properly ventilated, that a uniform temperature is maintained, that extraneous matter is not allowed to collect in or about the water closets. If necessary have a man and woman to look after them at proper times. Have an eye on the school property and report any accumulation of noxious substances, that come under your notice, to the proper authorities. The school officers cannot see every thing or know all that is taking place in or about the school buildings. It makes little difference what kind of a structure is made use of for school purpose provided the scholars have good air, proper seats and desks and an earnest, faithful instructor.

There are to many men who manifest no desire to co-operate with the teacher or officers; who, when they have paid thier school tax and sent their children to school, feel that they have fulfilled their whole duty and know nothing more about it only

so far as their scholars praise or find fault with the teacher.

Your committee recommends that teachers, so far as practicable, should be employed who reside in town. They have a reputation to make or sustain among their neighbors and friends. They generally feel the responsibility and are anxious to fulfil the duties of their positions with credit to themselves. Further we would take this opportunity to urge upon the teachers of this town the importance and advantages of visits to the State Normal School and attendance on every session of a teachers' institute held within accessible distance.

The Committee this year would advise District No. 1 to unite with the adjoining district in Hill. A town's limit is a settled fact which for educational purposes ought not to exist. Whenever such a limit divides a neighborhood, reduces the lenght of school one-half, places in the hands of pupils different text books, compels the districts to keep in repair two school houses and the Prudential Committee to hire separate teachers, we believe the best interests of education are not attained.

We believe a law should be enacted regulating the change of text books throughout the State, requiring each and every district to use the same classified works, thereby diminishing the number of classes and increasing the usefulness of the schools.

The school registers as a whole have been accurately filled out. One teacher delights us by saying he has had 110 weeks' school during the year; another forgets to sign her name in nearly all the spaces designated for it to appear; a third quietly informs us "the teacher of the first term did not fill out blanks and I cannot do it for her." It evidently was not her duty to fill them for herself. Again we find written across a page "conduct was signified on deportment cards." We desire to see it signified in the school register. The summary of non-membership and other absences in seven out of the twelve registers we are pained to see have been entirely overlooked.

We take this occasion to acknowledge our indebtedness to the selectmen for their undeviating support in maintaining wholesome regulations in the schools; to the various prudential committees who have cooperated to secure and sustain good

teachers in their districts; to those teachers who have given a cheerful assent to the plans for the good government and instruction of the schools, and to every pupil in the schools who has, by good conduct and example, assisted in promoting the interests of education in town.

We submit herewith the report of the Board of Education of Union School District.

GEORGE H. CALLEY.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR UNION DISTRICT NO. 2.

Sympathizing to the fullest extent with the citizens of this and all school districts in the matter of frequent changes of books, we have disturbed the list as little as we could consistently. We have dropped out Monteith in Geography for Harpers' concise works and have simplified the work in Grammar by the introduction of Swinton's Language Lessons for beginners. Deeming these all the changes the people ought to be required to make in one year we have tolerated Robinson's Arithmetic; but think a change should be made as soon as practical.

Why does not Bristol High School graduate a class annually? Not for want of material, for schools of higher grade are glad to secure this very same material; not for want of efficient instructors, for we boast a corps of teachers which any School Board would break with much risk; nor is it because our people prefer to educate their children abroad, for we are confident that such is not the case. In our judgment it is solely for want of *system*. The necessity of promoting a large number annually from the first three grades to make room for new-comers is the parent of a reaction which is crippling in its effect upon the three upper departments, but especially so upon the High School. To oblige the teacher of the High School to spend

one-third of her time with classes which every where in graded schools belong in the Grammar department is requiring labor at great disadvantage. Is a longer hour for recitation needed for the more advanced classes, it cannot be had. Do these classes need to be led on faster in the course, the need cannot be met, for there is no time to multiply work. Is there an ambition with the teacher to polish these classes, the desire must be silenced, or gratified out of school hours. From this state of things there is but one remedy: viz., a fifth department, a second Grammar School. Every graded school building should be so ample that *room* should never be a part of the vital question of promotion. And, as the Primary Department is crowded during the Summer and Fall terms, it is necessary that the smaller scholars should be accommodated in some suitable and convenient room elsewhere during some 24 weeks of the year. This would give opportunity for the others to remain in their respective departments until qualified to be advanced. Great advantage accrues from such an arrangement in the freedom with which the youngest pupils can be managed without disturbance to those who do not need the freedom which is the secret of success in a Primary School.

We close the work of the year with consciences approving in that we have done the best we could. While we cast no reflections in any direction, we believe the brain of District No. 2 equal to better things than it is now doing for its children and youth and without much additional expense.

LEWIS W. FLING, *President.*

MYRA S. JUDKINS, *Secretary.*

ROLL OF HONOR.

District No. 1.—Alice M. Adams, Nora B. Colby, Minnie J. Kelley, Mabel E. Patten, Patrick Adams, Willie A. Mason.

District No. 3.—Nettie V. Emmons, Augusta Nelson, Addie Sanborn, Luey S. Dolloff.

District No. 4.—Lilla May Heath.

District No. 6.—Sadie V. Burleigh, Albert C. Phipps, Sammie E. Worthen, Hadley B. Worthen.

District No. 7.—Almer W. Homans, Loraine W. Homans, Sarah B. Mitchell.

District No. 8.—Edna M. Houghton, Frank Houghton.

Union School District No. 2.

PRIMARY.

First Term.—Charlie Rice, Carrie A. Musgrove, Clara Welch, Frank A. Musgrove, Grace B. Heath.

Second Term. — Homer Smith, Bertie Wooster, Una E. Cross, Grace B. Heath, Ellie I. Kidder, Carrie A. Musgrove, Mary J. Musgrove, Bertha Pray, Lela M. Pray, Clara B. Welch.

Third Term.—Homer Smith, Grace B. Heath, Lura Kidder, Ellie Kidder, Lela Pray.

INTERMEDIATE.

First Term.—Annie Benton, Ada Brown, Flora Cass, Susie Clay, Alice Dickerson, Amy Drake, Nora Griffith, Flora Heath, Isa Musgrove, Annie Rice, Amos Blake, Arthur Brown, Carl White.

Second Term. — Arthur C. Brown, Frank A. Musgrove, Charlie P. Rice, Dora A. Dickinson, Isa Musgrove, Addie Musgrove.

Third Term.—John Kidder, Frank A. Musgrove, Charlie Rice, Addie Musgrove, Isa Musgrove, Elsie Draper.

GRAMMAR.

First Term.—Raymond Cavis, Arthur Durgin, Charles

George, Charlie Jaggar, Willie Locke, Elgin Wells, Emma Berry, Lora Brown, Lina Griffith, Della Tilton.

SECOND TERM.—Charles Jaggar, Fred Whitcomb, Karl White, Flora Cass, Lillian Dickinson, Clara Ingalls, Annie Rice, Julia Sanborn, Clair Sawyer.

THIRD TERM.—Lettie Gray, Annie Rice, Clair Sawyer.

HIGH.

FIRST TERM.—E. Jennie Hall, Winnie Heath, Willie White, Frank Favor.

SECOND TERM.—Charlie George, Howard Smith, Elgin Wells.

THIRD TERM.—Charlie Dickerson. Charlie George, Willie Heath, Charlie Pope, Howard Smith, Willie White.

Statistical Report.

No. of District.	NAME OF TEACHER	TERM.	No. Weeks of School.	Whole No. of Scholars.	No. in Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Botany.	N. History.	Children over 5 yrs. w. o have attended 2 weeks or more.	No. Reported by Selectmen. Male.	No. Reported by Selectmen. Female.	No. visits by parents and friends.	Wages of Teacher per month.	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
1	Grace E. Whitcomb	Summer	9½	13	13	13	11	10	7	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12	1	4	20	$18	Lovina W. Kirk.
3	L. A. Nelson	"	9	7	7	7	5	6	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	2	5	5	17	Moses Emmons.
4	Emma M. Mudgett	"	8	4	4	4	....	3	3	2	1	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	4	1	1	3	12	Emma Emmons.
5	L. Kathleen Robie	"	12	6	6	6	6	6	6	3	....	5	1	....	....	....	....	....	6	2	4	11	12½	Sylvanus Swett.
6	Mary Abbie Bishop	"	10½	7	7	7	7	6	5	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	2	3	5	17	S. Worthen.
7	Laura A. Whittemore	"	6	3	3	3	2	3	1	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	2	...	3	8	Henry C. Homans.
8	Lizzie B. Bishop	Spring	6	11	11	11	9	8	5	3	1	3	....	....	1	....	....	....	11	6	5	6	20	F. M. Beckford.
	" "	Fall	10	11	11	11	8	8	5	3	1	4	....	....	1	....	....	....	11	6	5	8	20	" "
9	Herbert E. Drake	Summer	12	6	6	6	4	6	2	1	1	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	3	3	2	11	15	Calvin H. Mudgett.
Union Primary.	Flora F. Cilley	Spring	10	55	54	54	...	33	17	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	67	...	...	33	28	BOARD OF EDUCATION.
	" "	Fall	11	51	51	51	18	28	19	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	17	28	
	" "	Winter	10	29	29	29	17	21	17	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	12	28	
Inter-med'e.	Kate F. George	Spring	10	38	38	38	38	38	38	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	..	26	30	
	" "	Fall	11	33	33	33	33	33	33	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	19	30	
	" "	Winter	10	31	31	31	31	31	31	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	31	30	
Grammar.	E. Belle Calley	Spring	10	34	34	34	34	32	11	23	19	34	....	....	....	....	....	....	32	...	...	36	34	
	" "	Fall	11	40	40	40	40	40	22	15	16	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	21	34	
	" "	Winter	10	45	45	45	49	43	22	15	8	43	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	29	34	
High.	Mary L. Aldrich	Spring	10	27	27	20	23	17	....	18	...	27	...	3	12	....	6	....	....	...	...	21	40	
	L. M. Hale	Fall	11	44	43	43	30	33	...	29	....	44	....	2	27	....	....	6	....	...	...	46	48	
	" "	Winter	10	49	48	48	....	29	....	29	....	48	....	6	23	....	....	6	....	...	...	74	48	

Latin Classes in High School, 3—1 in Virgil; 2 in Latin Reader.

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